

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING RECOMBINANT PROTEIN IN
BACTERIUM BELONGING TO THE GENUS
RHODOCOCCUS

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated June 5, 2009, in the above-referenced patent application. As the shortened statutory period for response expires on July 5, 2009, this response is timely filed.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.